

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the priority document.

Applicant also thanks the examiner for acknowledging receipt of and for considering the information disclosure statement filed on March 19, 2004.

Applicant also thanks the examiner for accepting the drawings filed on March 19, 2004.

The title has been objected to as not being sufficiently descriptive. An amended title is submitted herewith. It is submitted that the amended title is sufficiently descriptive and therefore the objection to the title should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 have been examined. These claims have been held allowable by the examiner. Applicant thanks the examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-5.

Claims 4-5 have been objected to as containing an informality. Applicant's representative thanks the examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held on May 9th to discuss the examiner's proposed modification to Claims 4 and 5. It is the examiner's position that since Claim 1 specifies a single current generating circuit there is not a proper antecedent basis for "said current generating circuits" specified in Claims 4 and 5.

In order to more clearly and definitively provide an antecedent basis for the claimed "said current generating circuits" of Claims 4 and 5 the examiner has agreed to an amendment to Claim 1 whereby the claimed current generating circuit is now specified to be "at least one" current generating circuit. It is intended that this amendment not narrow the scope of Claim 1, be construed to cover one or possibly more than one current generating circuit and thereby

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provide an antecedent basis for Claims 4 and 5. As the amendment to Claim 1 is non-narrowing it is submitted that this amendment does not implicate any estoppel under the Festo doctrine.

As Claims 1-5 have been allowed, and all informalities have now been satisfied it is submitted that this application is in condition and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

If for any reason this application is found other than in condition for allowance it is respectfully requested that the examiner call the undersigned attorney at the Washington, D.C. telephone number 293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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